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FROM: HQ USAF/ILEH
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SUBJECT: Funding of Military Family Housing (MFH) Communications and Force Protection Requirements

REFERENCE: (a, b)

The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (USD(C)) has released guidance regarding the funding of force protection and communications requirements in MFH. The USD(C) policy letter (see Atch. 1) states that all operation costs and maintenance and repair accomplished in MFH shall be funded solely from MFH Operations and Maintenance (O&M) accounts. The policy letter further states: "The terms 'repair and maintenance' shall apply to any work performed on family housing structures or family housing areas, **which include security and antiterrorism measures, but excludes communication equipment required by the occupant to perform his or her mission.**" Therefore, previous ILEH guidance regarding the funding of communications requirements (see Atch. 2 and 3) is superseded by the USD(C) policy stated above.

The MFH appropriation shall be used to fund permanently installed communications requirements such as fiber optic cables. Communications equipment that is readily removable and mission-required shall be funded with non-MFH funds. We still recommend, however, that the Base Civil Engineer continue to track all communications expenditures in General Officer Quarters (GOQ) since the annual GOQ cost report to Congress includes this information.

The above policy changes are effective with the FY 2000 program. This is a coordinated AF/ILEH, SAF/FMBIC, SAF/FMBOO, AF/SCXR, AFCIC/SYNT, AF/XOFP, and AF/JAG memorandum. AF/ILEH will incorporate these changes in the next revision of AFI 32-6002, *Family Housing Planning, Programming, Design, and Construction*. Our POC is Maj Maria Dowling, DSN 664-4061.

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Attachments:

1. USD(C) Memorandum
2. Reference a
3. Reference b

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SENIOR CIVILIAN OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)

SUBJECT: Funding General and Flag Officers' Quarters (GFOQ)

Section 128 of the FY 2000 Military Construction Appropriations Act mandates that the "funds appropriated in Military Construction Appropriations Acts for operations and maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing units, including flag and general officer quarters." In addition, Section 8114 of the FY 2000 DoD Appropriations Act prohibits the use of funds appropriated in the DoD Appropriations Acts for "performing repairs or maintenance to military family housing units of the Department of Defense, including areas in such military family housing units that may be used for the purpose of conducting official Department of Defense business."

In view of the foregoing, it shall be the Department's policy that all operating costs and any repair or maintenance of family housing structures, including GFOQs and those designated as historic houses, be funded solely from the family housing operation and maintenance accounts. The terms "repair and maintenance" shall apply to any work performed on family housing structures or family housing areas, which include security and antiterrorism measures, but excludes communication equipment required by the occupant to perform his or her mission. Further, the GFOQs shall not be split for the purpose of funding part of the house with regular operation and maintenance funds provided in the DoD Appropriations Acts.

Section 128 also requires that I submit an annual report to Congress. Details concerning the input data required for this report have been provided to your staff.

The next update of the DoD Financial Management Regulation will reflect the foregoing change in policy.

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SUBJECT: Funding of Communications and Security Requirements with Military Family Housing (MFH) Funds

Section 128 of the FY 2000 Military Construction Appropriations Act mandates that the "funds appropriated in Military Construction Appropriation Acts for operations and maintenance of family housing shall be the exclusive source of funds for repair and maintenance of all family housing units, including flag and general officer quarters." In addition, Section 8117 of the House-passed FY 2000 DoD Appropriations Bill prohibits funds appropriated in the DoD Appropriations Acts for "performing repairs or maintenance to military family housing units that may be used for the purpose of conducting official Department of Defense business." We anticipate that Section 8117 will be included in the final FY 2000 DoD Appropriations Bill.

As a result, it is Air Force Housing policy that all operating costs and any repair or maintenance of family housing structures, including GOQs and those designated as historic houses, will be funded solely from the family housing operation and maintenance accounts. MFH is responsible for funding any equipment permanently affixed to the family housing structures or installed in family housing areas, such as security, communications wiring/fiber, and anti-terrorism or force protection measures. All maintenance and repair work will be funded with maintenance funds (P-722) and account for communications costs in the proper element of expense such as 49X for telephone systems and wiring to establish a baseline for expenses. To follow the congressional intent that all costs associated with family housing be funded from family housing appropriations, permanently installed communications and security items associated with construction and improvement projects shall be funded with construction (P-711) and improvement (P-713) funds. Installation, acquisition and maintenance of removable communications and security equipment should continue to be funded from regular operations and maintenance or investment accounts as appropriate.

The above changes are effective with the FY 2000 program. This is a coordinated AF/ILEH, SAF/FMBI, SAF/FMBO, AF/SCXR, AF/XOFP, and AFCIC/SYNT memorandum. AF/ILEH will incorporate these changes in the next revision of AFI 32-6002, *Family Housing Planning, Programming, Design, and Construction*. Our POC is Maj Maria Dowling, DSN 664-4061.

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SUBJECT: Funding of Military Family Housing (MFH) Communications and Force Protection Requirements

This memo further clarifies responsibilities for funding communications and force protection requirements in both General Officer Quarters (GOQs) and non-GOQs.

Currently, AFI 33-103 establishes policy for processing and approving communications requirements. It states that communications requirements (including those for MFH) are approved at the base level by the Communications/Computer System Requirements approval authority. This person is usually the Wing Commander but may be delegated to the Support Group or Communications unit Commander. Furthermore, AFI 33-111 provides guidance on what is allowed and not allowed regarding telephone service. The Communications/Computer System Requirements approval authority determines what is a valid requirement for each position (wing commanders, group commanders) and then relates that to the housing unit. All services other than basic home telecommunications wiring must be justified and approved IAW AFI 33-103. Additional guidance for internet, network, and audio visual services can be found in AFI 33-115, Network Management, AFI 33-117, Visual Information Management, and 33-129, Internet Management and Use. All of these services must be for official use only.

Installation, acquisition and maintenance of **removable** communications and security equipment should continue to be funded from regular operations and maintenance (3400 funds) or investment accounts as appropriate. The Communications Squadron or requester will continue to fund normal telephone services items such as telephone bills and other line charges for official services provided. The individual remains responsible for all personal communications services provided to them and their family (AFI 33-111).

MFH will fund any equipment permanently affixed to the family housing structures or installed in family housing areas, such as security, communications wiring/fiber, and anti-terrorism or force protection measures.

Answers to frequently asked questions:

- **Who funds installation of a red phone?** Red phone installation entails new communication lines and the actual phone device. The communications lines are most likely permanently installed (i.e., they are enclosed in walls and would not be removed even if the service was discontinued), therefore, the lines should be paid for by MFH. The actual phone device, however, is not permanently affixed and would most likely be

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removed if the requirement were discontinued. The Communication Squadron or requiring activity would fund the actual cost of the phone device.

- **Who funds installation of a LAN connection?** MFH funds the line installation.
- **Who funds installation of fiber optic cables to support family housing?** MFH funds the line installation.
- **Will MFH fund the entire length of communication line or only from the 5-foot line to the house?** MFH will fund from the house to the point of connection to the main communications plant.
- **Who funds monthly telephone line charges for official DSN, local, and long distance calls?** Base communications or the requiring activity funds these charges. MFH funds are not used.
- **Who funds installation of force protection measures such as alarms, cameras, and safe rooms?** MFH will fund construction of the safe room because it is "permanently affixed" to the home. The safe room is not readily removable and would most likely remain even if the requirement were discontinued. The installation of wiring to support alarms and cameras would also be funded by MFH. However, depending on the type of security system installed, other-than-MFH funds may be able to fund alarms or security cameras. The determining factor is whether the alarms or security cameras are readily removable (not permanently affixed) and would most likely be removed and reused at another location if the requirement was discontinued.

All maintenance and repair work will be funded with maintenance funds (P-722). Account for communications costs in the proper element of expense such as 49X for telephone systems and wiring to establish a baseline for expenses. **Permanently** installed communications and security items associated with construction and improvement projects shall be funded with construction (P-711) and improvement (P-713) funds.

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